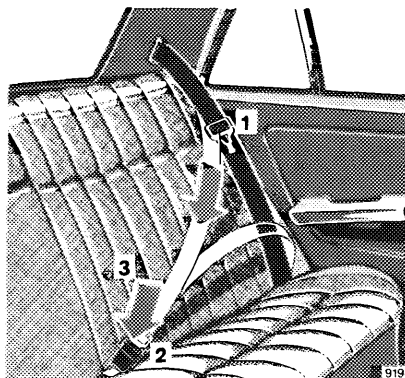


Supplemental Restraint System — Seat Belts, Emergency Tensioning Retractors (300 D-TURBO DIESEL)

Your vehicle is equipped with seat belts for all seats and emergency tensioning retractors for front seats. The tensioning retractors are located in each belt's inertia reel and become operationally ready with the steering lock key in position "1" or "2".



Warning system:

The indicator is illuminated for 4—8 seconds after turning the steering lock key to position "2". If the seat belt of the driver's seat is not fastened a warning buzzer sounds simultaneously.

Fastening:

- Pull belt with latch plate (1) over shoulder and lap. Do not twist the belt doing this.
- Push latch plate (1) into buckle (2) until it clicks.

- The belt must be pulled snug and checked for snugness immediately after engaging it and during driving. If necessary, tighten the lap portion to a snug fit by pulling shoulder portion up.

Unfastening:

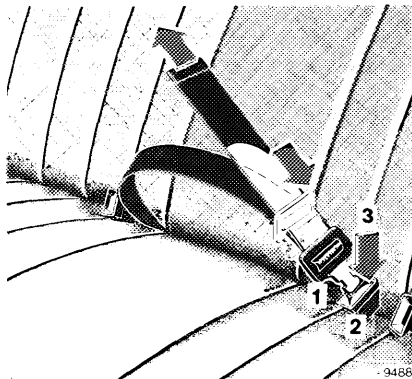
- Push in the red button (3) in the belt buckle.
- The retractor should completely rewind the belt and latch plate (1).

Operation:

The inertia reel stops the belt from unwinding during sudden vehicle stops or when quickly pulling on the belt.

The locking function of the reel may be checked by quickly pulling out the belt.

Seats

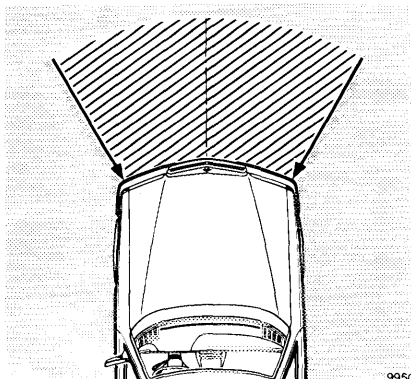


Lap belt in rear passenger compartment:

Pull belt with latch plate (1) across the lap, and push latch plate into buckle (2) until it clicks. The belt must not be twisted and must be tight.

To shorten the belt, pull belt end with the tongue engaged. To lengthen the belt, turn the latch plate so that it is at a little more than 90° to the belt and pull before fastening the belt.

To disengage the belt, push red button (3) in the buckle.



The emergency tensioning retractors are designed to activate only during severe frontal impacts. They tighten the belts in such a way that they fit more snugly against the body, restricting as much as possible its forward movement.

In cases of less severe frontal impacts, such as roll-overs, side or rear collisions, or other accidents without severe frontal forces, the emergency tensioning retractors will not be activated. The driver and passengers will then be protected by the fastened seat belts and inertia reel in the usual manner.

Notes:

Rear seat passengers should always wear seat belts — for their own protection and to avoid endangering the driver and front passenger with their unrestricted forward movement.

No seat belt can be used for more than one person. Children under the age of six or under the weight of 23 kg/50 lb should be seated in the back seat with an approved restraint system properly secured.

Child restraint systems recommended by us can be fastened to the existing seat belts. Any authorized MERCEDES-BENZ dealer will gladly advise you on this subject.

For cleaning and care of the seat belts, see page 60.

Safety Guidelines for the Seat Belts and Emergency Tensioning Retractors

Damaged belts or belts that were highly stressed in an accident must be replaced and their anchoring points must also be checked. Use only belts installed or supplied by MERCEDES-BENZ.

Do not pass belts over sharp edges.

Do not make any modification that could change the effectiveness of the belts.

A tensioning retractor that was activated must be replaced.

No modifications of any kind may be made to any components or wiring of the emergency tensioning retractor.

Improper work on the system, including incorrect installation and removal, can lead to possible injury through an uncontrolled activation of the emergency tensioning retractor. In addition, through improper work there is the risk of rendering the emergency tensioning retractor inoperative. Work on the emergency tensioning retractor

must therefore only be performed by an authorized MERCEDES-BENZ dealer.

When scrapping the emergency tensioning retractor, it is mandatory to follow our safety instructions. These instructions are available at every authorized MERCEDES-BENZ dealer.

When you sell the vehicle we strongly urge you to give notice to the subsequent owner if it is equipped with an emergency tensioning retractor by alerting him to the applicable section in the Owner's Manual.

